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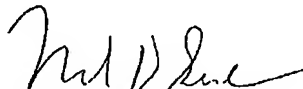
By this amendment, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims, leaving only the allowed claims in the application. More specifically, claims 18-20 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite prosecution and will be presented in a continuation application. Allowed claims 21-25 remain in this application. New dependent claims 27-30 have been added corresponding to allowed dependent claims 23-25 except with differing claim dependencies.

The undersigned acknowledges with appreciation the telephone conversations with Examiner Sonnett to discuss the Office Action and the prior art. In the conversation, the Bosma and Palmer reference were discussed as well as the recited structure of claims 18 and 20 directed to the retrieval region. However, as noted above, to expedite prosecution, claims 18 and 20 have been canceled, along with their dependent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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